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URBAN DISTRICT OF DENBY DALE

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# ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

P. M. SAMMON  
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

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FOR THE YEAR

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Divisional Health Office,  
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Huddersfield.

To the Chairman and Members of the  
Denby Dale Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman,

I herewith present to you the Annual Report on the Health of the Denby Dale Urban District and the work of the Public Health Department during 1968. The sections of the Report which deal with the Sanitary Circumstances, Housing and Inspection and Supervision of Food have been compiled by your Public Health Inspector, Mr. W. Urmson, and form his Report for the year.

According to the Registrar General, at mid-1968, the population of the district was estimated to be 10,370, which is 390 above that for the previous year and 1,066 above the 1961 Census figure. The live births attributed to the district numbered 196, 3 more than in the previous year. There were 100 deaths, 25 fewer than in 1967.

The incidence of infectious and other diseases does not call for any special comment.

Some further progress was made with the new Sewerage Schemes.

Houses continued to be built in the district and this is reflected in the steadily increasing population of the district.

In Section VII of the Report, particulars are given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council as the local Health and Education Authority.

In conclusion I have pleasure in recording the help and encouragement given to the staff of the Department during the year by members and officials of the Council. Appreciation must be expressed of the work of your Public Health Inspector, Mr. W. Urmson.

Yours faithfully,

P. M. SAMMON,

Medical Officer of Health.

## SECTION I

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Denby Dale Urban District was formed under the Yorkshire West Riding county review of 1938, by the amalgamation of the former Urban Districts of Clayton West, Denby and Cumberworth, Emley and Skelmanthorpe. It is very varied in character with well wooded valleys and bleak uplands rising to 1,000 feet above sea level.

The principal industry is the manufacture of various kinds of textiles, but there are also several coal mines, clay pits, stone quarries, and fire-clay works. In addition, agriculture, principally dairy farming, provides employment for a number of inhabitants.

## General Statistics

Area in acres .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	10,165
Enumerated Population (Census, 1961) .. .. ..	9,304
Registrar General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1967)	9,980
Registrar General's Estimate of Population (middle of 1968)	10,370
Area comparability Factors:—Births 1.11: Deaths 0.98	
Number of Inhabited Houses at end of 1968 .. ..	4,217
Rateable Value (31st March, 1969) .. .. .. ..	£231,283
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (March, 1969) ..	£925

## Vital Statistics

### Live Births

DENBY DALE URBAN DISTRICT					Birth Rate per 1,000 population		Birth Rate per 1,000 Population		England and Wales			
Total number (after adjustment for transfers)							West Riding of Yorkshire	U.D's				
Year	Total	Sex		Illegitimate	Crude	Adjt.	U.D's	Adm.Cty				
		M	F	No.								
1968	196	108	88	12	6.12	18.90	20.98	17.9	17.8	16.9		
1967	193	101	92	6	3.11	19.34	21.47	18.2	18.2	17.2		
1966	179	93	86	10	5.59	18.16	20.16	18.2	18.2	17.7		
1965	156	84	72	8	5.13	16.05	17.82	18.3	18.4	18.0		
1964	169	95	74	10	5.92	17.48	19.40	18.6	18.7	18.4		

## Still Births

	1968		1967		1966	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Legitimate	...	...	1	4	—	2
Illegitimate	...	...	1	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths	...	29.7		10.26		5.55

## Infant Mortality — Deaths of Infants under 1 year

INFANT DEATHS					RATES PER 1,000 LIVE BIRTHS			
DENBY DALE U.D.					Denby Dale U.D.	West Riding of Yorkshire		England and Wales
Year	Total	Sex		Illegit- imate		U.D's	Adm.Cty.	
		M	F					
1968	3	2	1	—	15.31	19.7	18.5	18.3
1967	3	2	1	—	15.54	19.2	19.2	18.3
1966	4	2	2	—	22.35	20.1	19.8	19.0
1965	3	3	—	—	19.23	21.0	20.7	19.0
1964	Nil	—	—	—	—	22.1	22.2	20.0

## Deaths

DENBY DALE URBAN DISTRICT				WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE		ENGLAND AND WALES	
Total Deaths (after adjustment for transfers)			Death Rates per 1,000 population	Death Rate per 1,000 population			Death Rate per 1,000 population
Year	Total	Sex		Crude	Adjt.	U.D's	
		M	F				
1968	110	48	62	10.61	10.40	12.9	12.6
1967	135	78	57	13.53	12.58	12.3	12.0
1966	167	81	86	16.95	16.27	13.3	12.9
1965	135	69	66	13.89	13.20	12.7	12.4
1964	126	67	59	13.03	13.42	13.0	12.8

The chief causes of death were:—

	1968	1967	1966
(i) Circulatory Diseases excluding Cerebrovascular Disease	.. .. ..	.. .. ..	49 59 65
(ii) Malignant Neoplasms	.. .. ..	16	23 31
(iii) Cerebrovascular Disease	.. .. ..	14	14 19
(iv) Respiratory Diseases	.. .. ..	11	16 21

These four causes accounted for 81.82% of the total deaths. Of the total deaths 80 or 72.73% occurred in persons aged 65 years or over and 44 or 40% in persons aged 75 years or over.

A table showing the causes of death, ages and sex distribution is set out on page 5.

Causes of Death	Sex	All Ages	0-4- wks	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	75-
All Causes	M	48	2	..	..	1	..	..	2	11	16	16
	F	62	1	..	1	..	..	..	6	6	20	28
Other infective and parasitic diseases	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Malignant Neoplasm—stomach	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Malignant Neoplasm—lung, bronchus	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1	..
Malignant Neoplasm—breast	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Malignant Neoplasm—uterus	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
Other malignant neoplasms	M	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	..
	F	6	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	1	3	..
Diabetes Mellitus	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..
Other Endocrine diseases	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Other diseases of blood	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other diseases of nervous system	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	3	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	1
Chronic Rheumatic heart disease	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Hypertensive disease	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Ischaemic heart disease	M	16	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	7	3	4
	F	18	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	7	8
Other forms of heart disease	M	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	3	4
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2
Cerebrovascular disease	M	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	3
	F	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	2	5
Other diseases of circulatory system	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..
Pneumonia	M	5	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	2	2
	F	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	2
Bronchitis and emphysema	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	..
Asthma	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Congenital Anomalies	M	2	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Birth Injury, Difficult labour, etc	M	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Other causes of perinatal mortality	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Motor vehicle accidents	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
All other accidents	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	M	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	1
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1	..	..
All other external causes	M	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
	F	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	1

## **Maternal Mortality**

No deaths were registered as directly due to pregnancy or childbearing.

## **Cancer**

The number of deaths attributed to Cancer during the year numbered 16 (5 male, 11 female) as compared with 23 in 1967.

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## **SECTION II**

### **GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA**

#### **Staff**

The Medical Officer of Health and his deputy are part-time officers of the Council, but are engaged whole-time on public health work.

In addition, the staff consists of a full-time Public Health Inspector, a Technical Assistant, and a Clerk who is shared with the Surveyor.

#### **Laboratory Facilities**

These are available at the Wakefield Laboratory of the Public Health Laboratory Service.

#### **Ambulance Service**

For accident and general cases this is provided by the West Riding County Council. Infectious cases are removed by the ambulance of the Infectious Diseases Hospital to which the patient is removed.

#### **Home Nursing and Midwifery**

A Home Nurse/Midwife and a Midwife employed by the West Riding County Council are resident at Denby Dale and Kirkburton, respectively. A home nurse is also resident at Skelmanthorpe.

#### **Treatment Centres and Clinics**

These remain unchanged,

#### **Hospitals**

- (a) Infectious Diseases: Leeds Road, Isolation Hospital, Bradford.
- (b) General Hospitals: The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield; County General Hospital, Wakefield.
- (c) Maternity: Princess Royal Maternity Home; St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield; The Royal Infirmary, Huddersfield.

## SECTION III

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

**Mr. W. Urmson, Public Health Inspector, reports:—**

#### Water Supply

On the 1st April, 1966, the Water Undertaking was taken over from the Council by the newly formed Mid Calder Water Board.

The maximum amount of water available in the area is adequate for the present needs, and for some time to come for the foreseeable future needs of the district.

Difficulties regarding distribution are, however, experienced and shortages occur from time to time in the high level areas.

The water supply is unfiltered and any disturbance in the mains results in a large number of complaints of dirty water.

Of the 4,217 houses in the District, 4,208 are connected to the public mains; in all the instances the supply is indoors. The 9 houses not connected have private supplies piped or pumped into the house.

Samples of water are taken at regular intervals from consumers' premises and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for Bacteriological Examination. Of 26 samples submitted the reports showed that 22 were satisfactory and 4 were unsatisfactory. All 4 unsatisfactory samples were obtained from consumers' premises served by the open reservoir at Cliffe Hill, Skelmanthorpe.

The attention of the Engineer, Mid Calder Water Board was drawn to these unsatisfactory samples, who reported that the samples were from the distribution system fed from Cliffe Hill Reservoir. These open topped reservoirs created problems but the Water Board were endeavouring to eliminate them by the construction of new closed reservoirs. The Denby Dale major improvement scheme was with the Ministry and it was hoped that approval to commence work would be forthcoming in the near future. In the meantime Cliffe Hill Reservoir had been emptied, cleaned out, disinfected and brought back into service; and additional chlorine was being added to all open topped reservoirs.

Subsequent samples proved satisfactory.

Similar sampling has been carried out of the Rusby Spring Supply. 10 samples were submitted, all of which were excellent.

Results of the Bacteriological Examinations are tabulated as follows:

Supply & Locality	Date of Sample	Coliform Bacilli per 100ml	Faecal Coli per 100ml	Chlorine p.p.m.
<b>Mid Calder Water Board</b>				
Skelmanthorpe ..	3.1.68	0	0	Nil
	13.2.68	0	0	less than 0.1
	19.6.68	18+	0	less than 0.1
		Aerogenes 1		
	2.7.68	0	0	0.15
	2.7.68	18+	18+	0.1
	2.7.68	16	16	0.1
	13.8.68	0	0	0.1
	13.8.68	0	0	less than 0.1
	13.8.68	1	1	less than 0.1
Clayton West ..	1.10.68	0	0	less than 0.1
Denby Dale	12.3.68	0	0	Nil
	15.5.68	0	0	Not reported
	11.12.68	0	0	Nil
Upper Cumberworth	5.11.68	0	0	0.1
Denby	8.4.68	0	0	Not reported
Emley ..	13.2.68	0	0	less than 0.1
	12.3.68	0	0	Nil
	15.5.68	0	0	Not reported
	13.8.68	0	0	0.1
	5.11.68	0	0	0.1
Emley Moor	3.1.68	0	0	Nil
	8.4.68	0	0	Not reported
	19.6.68	0	0	less than 0.1
	1.10.68	0	0	0.1
	11.12.68	0	0	0.2
Rusby Old Spring ..	3.1.68	0	0	—
	13.2.68	0	0	—
	12.3.68	0	0	—
	8.4.68	0	0	—
	15.5.68	0	0	—
	19.6.68	0	0	—
	13.8.68	0	0	—
	1.10.68	0	0	—
	5.11.68	0	0	—
	11.12.68	0	0	—

## Drainage and Sewerage.

Of the 4,217 houses in the District, 3,953 or 93.7% are connected to the Council's sewers ; 133 to septic tanks and filters or cesspools, whilst 129 discharge their sewage without treatment on to fields or into streams and other watercourses.

Three sewage disposal works and a number of small septic tanks and filters for isolated dwellings are maintained by the Council.

The sewage from the greater part of the district is treated at the two larger works at Langley and Clayton West which are up to capacity. The Rivers Board have accordingly imposed restrictions on development in the area until additional treatment works have been provided.

In those parts of the area served by the Langley Works planning consent for any development exceeding 50 dwellings is unlikely and in Emley and Clayton West severe restriction applies in that no new planning consents will be granted.

The sewage disposal works and small plants for isolated communities are maintained by a mobile staff of the Public Health Department. The three disposal works in the area are visited daily and the smaller plants at frequent intervals.

Reports were received with regard to samples taken by the Yorkshire Ouse and Hull River Authority of the effluent from the works in the District, as follows:—

16th January, 1968

Langley Sewage Works Effluent—Good.

Clayton West Sewage Works Effluent—Good.

18th April, 1968

Clayton West Sewage Works Effluent—Contains a slight excess of suspended solids.

8th August, 1968

Langley Sewage Works Effluent—Good

Clayton West Sewage Works Effluent—Fair.

Extension of the sewerage system to include the unsewered areas, particularly Emley Moor and High Flatts are required.

Emley Stage II sewerage scheme was commenced in October, 1968, and by the end of the year 100 yards of 6" and 850 yards of 9" sewer had been laid.

It is hoped that tenders for the new treatment plant at Clayton West will be invited early in 1969 and that Ministry approval will also be granted for the temporary 'package deal' plant in order to permit new development to continue throughout the area pending the construction of the new works.

The Lower Denby scheme was completed during the year and 15 houses formerly discharging untreated sewage without treatment into a stream were connected to the sewerage system; 12 houses discharging to septic tanks were also connected.

Work on the Common End Scheme was commenced and this scheme should be completed early in 1969.

A scheme for the provision of sewerage to 18 properties in High Flatts was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government but it is regretted that owing to the restrictions on capital expenditure the Ministry thought fit to defer it.

### Closet Accommodation

Ten conversions have been carried out during the year by owners taking advantage of the Standard and Discretionary Grant Provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, to improve their properties.

In view of these grant provisions owners are approached to ascertain whether they will carry out conversion as part of an improvement grant scheme, and action under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, is restricted to those properties where owners are not prepared to undertake improvements.

During the year no action was taken under Section 47 of the Public Health Act, 1936, but the Council resolved that provision be made in the rate estimates for 1969/70 for compulsory privy conversions.

The grant to owners who carried out voluntary conversion was increased from 1st July, 1968, to half the cost of conversion up to £18 for an external W.C. and £40 for an internal W.C.

The total number of water closets provided in lieu of privies during the year was 16 compared with 10 the previous year.

Additional water closets provided for existing houses numbered 45 and 226 were provided for new houses.

Public Conveniences are provided at Skelmanthorpe, Clayton West, Emley and Denby Dale.

Particulars of closet accommodation provided for dwellings and other premises in the district at the end of the year are given in the following table:—

Type of Premises	Water Closets	Waste Water Closets	Privies		Pails or Tubs	Others	Total
			With open middens	With Covered middens			
No. of Closets for—							
(a) Dwelling Houses	4398	0	2	129	23	0	4552
(b) Factories	285	0	0	0	0	0	285
(c) Shops	33	0	0	0	0	0	33
(d) Public Houses	58	0	0	0	0	0	58
(e) Business Premises	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
(f) Public Conveniences	13	0	0	0	0	0	13
(g) Schools	109	0	0	0	0	0	109
(h) Other Premises	122	0	0	7	1	0	130
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5031</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>136</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>5193</b>

Total number of dwellinghouses in the district .. ..	4,217
Number of houses sharing or having one W.C. .. ..	3,508
Number of houses having 2 W.C's .. ..	546

Closet accommodation in the different wards is shown below:—

Ward	Water Closets	Privies	Pails	Total
Clayton West	965	10	—	975
Emley	500	62	15	577
Denby and Cumberworth	1630	51	9	1690
Skelmanthorpe	1936	15	—	1951
Total	5031	138	24	5193

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

Scavenging is undertaken throughout the district by the Council with direct labour under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

One 25 cu. yd. Continuous loader and one 12 cu. yd. fore & aft tipper are used for dustbin collection and one 7 cu. yd. side loader for emptying privy midden closets. A total of 12 men are employed on refuse collection and disposal.

Until September, 1968, dustbins were emptied at approximately 10 day intervals and privy middens every four weeks. With the introduction of a bonus scheme for bin collection at the end of September the dustbin collection was carried out in 50% of the area at weekly intervals and in the other 50% at 7—8 day intervals. Permission was granted to continue the bonus scheme in operation until 30th June, 1969.

During the year tipping was confined to the Clayton West Tip, the Emley Moor tip not being used. A tractor was purchased in April, 1968, to carry out the refuse disposal on the tip.

Little progress was made regarding the establishment of a joint refuse disposal plant with Kirkburton U.D.C.

Quotations for the provision of a rotary drum type pulveriser were obtained and it was agreed that a further joint meeting be held when details of running costs and a suggested apportionment of costs between the two authorities were available.

Approximate number of dustbins in the area .. ..	4,500
Approximate total weight of refuse removed .. ..	4,000 tons
Cost of refuse collection and disposal .. ..	£11,890

### Petroleum (Regulations) Acts, 1928 and 1936

### Petroleum (Consolidation) Regulations, 1928

During the year 23 licences to store petroleum were renewed and three licences were discontinued.

The recommendations of the West Riding County Fire Service in respect of all licensed petroleum installations in the area have been adopted by the Council and all licencees are required to conform to these recommendations. The installation of all new petroleum storage tanks is supervised by the West Riding County Fire Service, and the tanks are subjected to a pressure test.

### Clean Air

21 smoke observations were made during the year, 12 were satisfactory and cautionary letters were sent in respect of 9 contraventions.

In conjunction with the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research's National Survey of Atmospheric Pollution, a daily smoke filter and volumetric sulphur dioxide instrument was installed at the Council Offices, Denby Dale, until February, 1965, after which it was transferred to the Council Offices, Skelmanthorpe. A second instrument was installed at Emley School in April, 1967.

The average monthly concentrations for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1968, are tabulated below.

	No. of days on which concentrations recorded		Average value Microgrammes per cu.m.		Smoke/SO <sub>2</sub> ratio
	Smoke	SO <sub>2</sub>	Smoke	SO <sub>2</sub>	
<b>Skelmanthorpe Council Offices:</b>					
1968					
January	31	31	171	167	1.02
February	29	29	242	228	1.06
March	31	31	104	115	0.90
April	30	30	124	120	1.03
May	31	31	121	141	0.85
June	30	25	65	108	0.60
July	31	31	87	124	0.70
August	31	31	63	91	0.69
September	30	30	94	110	0.85
October	31	31	123	134	0.92
November	30	30	194	180	1.08
December	31	31	225	212	1.06
<b>Emley School:</b>					
1968					
January	31	31	112	150	0.75
February	29	29	113	185	0.61
March	31	31	56	104	0.54
April	30	30	62	115	0.54
May	31	31	55	130	0.42
June	30	30	34	118	0.29
July	31	31	34	117	0.29
August	31	31	33	79	0.42
September	30	30	56	98	0.57
October	31	31	84	143	0.59
November	30	30	103	151	0.68
December	25	31	138	182	0.76

### Swimming Baths

The Swimming Baths at Scissett were re-opened in September, 1967, under the control of the County Council and District Council on a joint basis.

Major alterations have been carried out to enable the baths to be used for swimming all the year round instead of the summer months only.

Samples of swimming bath water submitted for bacteriological examination were reported as follows:

Date	Coli Bac. per 100ml	Faecal Coli per 100 ml	24 hr. Plate Count per ml	P.H. Value	Chlorine parts per ml
3/1/68					
Inlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.8	1.2
Outlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.8	1.2
13.2.68					
Inlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.0	1.4
Outlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.0	1.4
12/3/68					
Inlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.2	0.4
Outlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.2	0.4
8/4/68					
Inlet	0	0	4 colonies	Not reported	0.5
Outlet	0	0	38 colonies	„	0.9
15.5.68					
Inlet	0	0	0 colonies	6.8	more than 1.0
Outlet	0	0	0 colonies	6.8	more than 1.0
19/6/68					
Inlet	0	0	Uncountable	6.7	0.8
Outlet	2	2	65 colonies	6.7	0.9
2/7/68					
Inlet	0	0	0 colonies	6.8	2.8
Outlet	0	0	0 colonies	6.8	2.4
13/8/68					
Inlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.0	1.2
Outlet	0	0	0 colonies	7.0	1.2
1/10/68					
Inlet	0	0	2 colonies	7.3	0.4
Outlet	0	0	6 colonies	7.3	0.4
5/11/68					
Inlet	0	0	0 colonies	Not reported	3.2
Outlet	0	0	0 colonies	„	1.2
11/12/68					
Inlet	0	0	Uncountable	Not reported	1.0
Outlet	0	0	Uncountable	„	1.0

### Factories Act, 1961

#### 1. Inspections for Purposes of Provisions as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Owners Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities .. ..	6	—	—	—
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority .. ..	49	36	—	—
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) .. ..		—	—	—
Total ..	55	36	—	—

## 2. Cases in which Defects were found

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Insp.	By H.M. Insp.	
Sanitary Conveniences (b) Unsuitable or defective	—	15	—	—	—

## 3. Outworkers

There are in the district 82 outworkers, 79 being employed in rug sewing or mending and 3 in the making of firework cases.

### Schools

There are in the district 10 schools, 6 being County Schools including 1 Secondary Modern School and 4 Voluntary Schools.

### Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Registration of premises under the Act commenced on 1st May, 1964, and the following is an extract from the Annual Report made to the Ministry of Labour for the twelve months ending 31st December, 1968:—

#### Registration and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of Premises Registered during the year	Total No. of Registered Premises at end of year	No. of Registered Premises receiving a General Inspection during the year
Office .. .. .. .. 1		7	8
Retail Shops .. .. .. 4		28	32
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses .. .. .. ..		—	—
Catering Establishments open to the Public, Canteens .. .. .. ..		—	—
Fuel Storage Depots .. .. .. ..		—	—
<b>TOTALS</b> .. .. .. 5		35	40

#### Analysis of Persons Employed in Registered Premises by Workplace.

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices .. .. .. .. .. ..	19
Retail Shops .. .. .. .. .. ..	67
Wholesale Departments—Warehouses .. .. .. .. .. ..	—

Catering Establishments open to the Public	..	..	..	..
Canteens	..	..	..	..
Fuel Storage Depots	..	..	..	..
				—
Total	..	..	..	86
Total Males	..	..	..	40
Total Females	..	..	..	46

Notices were served in respect of contraventions found as follows:

	Outstanding 1st Jan./68	Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31st Dec./68
Sec. 4 Cleanliness ..	7	—	1	6
“ 6 Temperature prov. ..	6	4	10	—
“ 7 Ventilation ..	1	—	1	—
“ 8 Lighting ..	1	2	3	—
“ 9 Sanitary Conv. ..	8	1	5	4
“ 10 Washing facilities ..	4	—	3	1
“ 12 Clothes accomm. ..	1	1	1	1
“ 16 Floors, stairs, pass. ..	4	3	5	2
“ 17 Dangerous machinery ..	1	—	1	—
“ 24 First Aid equipment ..	2	3	4	1
“ 50 Abstract of Act displayed	8	7	10	5
Total ..	43	21	44	20

### Eradication of Bed Bugs

No houses were found to be infested with bed bugs.

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Private dwellings are dealt with free of charge, whilst in other cases a charge is made to cover the cost of materials and the operators' time.

The following is an extract from the Statistical Return made to the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries for the 12 months ending 31st December, 1968:—

Properties Other than Sewers	Type of Property	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
1. No. of properties in district .. .. ..	4676	—
2. (a) Total No. of properties inspected following notification .. .. ..	53	—
(b) No. infested with (i) Rats .. .. ..	26	—
(ii) Mice .. .. ..	24	—
3. (a) Total No. of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification .. .. ..	531	—
(b) No. infested with (i) Rats .. .. ..	7	—
(ii) Mice .. .. ..	—	—

### **Rag Flock and Other Filling Materials Act, 1951**

There are no "Licensed" or "Registered" premises in the District.

### **West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951 Registration of Hawkers of Food and Their Premises**

Thirty-eight persons are registered as Hawkers of Food and 3 premises are registered as storage accommodation for food intended to be sold by the Hawker.

### **Civic Amenities Act, 1967**

### **Removal and Disposal of Vehicles Regulations, 1968**

Action was taken during the year to secure the removal and disposal of abandoned motor vehicles as follows:

Number of Informal Notices served	..	..	..	12
Number of Formal Notices served on occupiers of land	..	..	..	9
Number of Formal Notices affixed to vehicles	..	..	..	7
Number of vehicles removed voluntarily as a result of informal notices	..	..	..	11
Number of vehicles removed voluntarily as a result of Formal Notices	..	..	..	6
Number of vehicles removed and disposed of by Council as a result of Formal Notice	..	..	..	1

### **West Riding County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951 Registration of Hairdressers**

At the end of the year 14 persons and premises were registered for carrying on the trade of Hairdresser or Barber.

### **Common Lodging Houses**

There are no common lodging houses in the District.

### **Animal Boarding Establishment Act, 1963**

One person is licensed to keep a boarding establishment for animals.

### **Sanitary Inspection of the Area**

#### **Nature of Inspections:—**

##### **Housing:—**

	Visits
Public Health Act, Defects	71
Unfit Houses—Housing Act	65
Improvement Grants	394
Tenancy Applications	53
Overcrowding	53
	636

##### **Public Health Act:—**

	Visits
Infectious Diseases Enquiries	4
Drainage	37
Conversions	155
Nuisances	12
Accumulations	4
Water Supply	1
	213

##### **Sampling:—**

	Visits
Water—Bacteriological	36
Milk—Bacteriological	30
Milk—Biological	30
Swimming Bath Water	22
	118

##### **Factories Acts:—**

	Visits
Factories—Mechanical	36

##### **Clean Air Act**

	Visits
Atmospheric Pollution Survey	236
Smoke Observations	21

**Food:—**

	Visits	Visits	
Meat Inspection ..	105	Sewers .. ..	17
Bakehouses ..	33	Sewage Works .. ..	16
Food Hygiene Regulations ..	373	Refuse Collection .. ..	119
Grocers .. ..	82	Refuse Disposal .. ..	48
Fish Fryers .. ..	36	Rodent Control .. ..	584
Canteens .. ..	38	Interviews .. ..	29
Public Houses .. ..	56	Miscellaneous .. ..	218
Milk—Brucella Abortus ..	14	No Access .. ..	56
Butchers .. ..	21	Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act .. ..	78
Food hawkers & mobile vehicles .. ..	41	Septic tanks .. ..	8
Greengrocers .. ..	28	Caravans .. ..	2
Confectioners .. ..	26	Hairdressers .. ..	1
Cafes .. ..	12	Petroleum Regulations .. ..	20
	<hr/> 953	Civic Amenities Act .. ..	49
	<hr/> —	Animal Boarding Establishments .. ..	2
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**TOTAL INSPECTIONS — 3,460**

During the year the following defects were found:—

**General Defects—Various:—**

Defective chimneys ..	9	Defective sewers .. ..	2
Defective roofs ..	21	Insufficient ventilation .. ..	13
Defective walls ..	13	Dampness .. ..	21
Defective eaves gutters ..	21	Choked drains .. ..	48
Defective drains ..	5	Choked sewers .. ..	11
Defective windows ..	10	Insufficient lighting .. ..	11
Defective wall plaster ..	4	Cesspools overflowing .. ..	2
Defective ceiling plaster ..	12	Miscellaneous .. ..	16
Defective floors ..	20	Inadequate foodstores .. ..	42
Defective rainwater pipes ..	10	Accumulations .. ..	2
Defective sinks ..	4	Insufficient water supply .. ..	8
Defective doors ..	3		
Defective ranges ..	2		
Defective W.C.'s ..	1		
		TOTAL	311
			<hr/> —

**Record of Nuisances Found, Notices Served and Work Done**

Number of complaints received .. .. ..	127
Number of nuisances and defects in hand at beginning of year .. .. ..	123
Number of nuisances and defects found .. .. ..	311
Number of nuisances and defects abated:—	
(a) as a result of informal action .. .. ..	292

(b) as a result of statutory action .. .. ..	2
Number of Informal Notices served .. .. ..	24
Number of Informal Notices complied with .. .. ..	17
Number of Statutory Notices served .. .. ..	2
Number of Statutory Notices complied with .. .. ..	1

### Record of Improvements Effected

Roofs repaired	..	..	16	Water supply improved	..	8
Chimneys repaired	..	..	9	Middens abolished	..	39
Ranges repaired	..	..	2	Cesspools cleansed	..	2
Walls repointed	..	..	13	Sewers cleared	..	11
Wallplaster repaired	..	..	4	Sewers repaired	..	2
Ceiling plaster repaired	..	..	12	Drains cleared	..	48
Floors repaired	..	..	20	Drainage repaired	..	5
Windows repaired	..	..	10	Miscellaneous	..	15
Doors repaired	..	..	2	Ventilation improved	..	12
Rainwater pipes repaired	..	..	8	Accumulations removed	..	3
Sinks renewed	..	..	5	Lighting improved	..	11
Eaves gutters repaired	..	..	16	Food stores provided	..	43
Dampness remedied	..	..	15			
Privy Closets abolished	..	..	51			
W.C.'s repaired	..	..	2			
				TOTAL		383

## Legal Action

Two Statutory Notices were served during the year under Section 93 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

## SECTION IV

**Mr. W. Urmson, Public Health Inspector, reports:-**

## HOUSING

Due to the energetic action of the Council in the provision of new dwellings and in dealing with unfit houses, the housing problem in the district is much less pressing than was the case a few years ago. The greatest demand now being bungalows for aged persons and newly married young couples. There are, however, still many houses in such a state and so lacking in amenities as to be unfit for occupation and these are being gradually dealt with by improvement, closure or demolition.

During the year representations were made in respect of 17 individual unfit houses.

During the year 43 applications for Standard Grants were approved by the Council, and 37 schemes were completed.

The improvements carried out were:—

Baths provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	31
Washbasins provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	28
Hot water supply provided:	(a)	to bath	..	..	..	..	31
	(b)	to basin	..	..	..	..	28
	(c)	to sink	..	..	..	..	6
W.C. provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	33
Satisfactory Foodstore provided	..	..	..	..	..	..	30

Twelve applications for Discretionary Grants were approved, and 12 schemes in respect of 13 houses were completed. The principal improvements carried out were:—

Provision of bathroom and/or W.C. involving extension to the premises .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	7
Provision of bathroom and/or W.C. not involving extension to the premises .. .. .. .. .. .. .. ..	5
Provision of bathroom involving conversion of 2 houses into 1 .. ..	1

### New Buildings

During the year the Council completed 22 bungalows at Clayton West.

At the end of the year 22 bungalows at Clayton West were under construction.

Houses completed by private enterprise during the year numbered 181, 5 at Emley, 67 at Skelmanthorpe, 2 at Clayton West and 107 in Denby and Cumberworth Ward.

At the end of the year 48 houses were under construction by private builders and none by the Council.

### Housing Statistics

#### Houses in Clearance Areas and Unfit Houses elsewhere

Number of houses included in Representations made during the year:—

(a) In Clearance Area .. .. .. .. .. ..	Nil
(b) Individual unfit houses .. .. .. .. ..	17
(c) Local Authority owned houses .. .. .. .. ..	Nil

#### A. Houses Demolished

	Houses Demolished		
		Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
In Clearance Areas			
Houses unfit for human habitation	Nil	1	1
Not in Clearance Areas			
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957	.. ..	4	5
			2

#### B. Unfit Houses Closed

	Number		
		Displaced during year	
		Persons	Families
Under Sections 16(4), 17(1), and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 ..	12	23	11

#### C. Unfit Houses made Fit

	By Owner	By Local Authority
After informal action by local authority .. .. .. ..	12	Nil
Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957 .. .. .. ..	1	Nil

#### D. Unfit Houses in Temporary Use (Housing Act, 1957)

At end of year:— None.

## E. Purchase of Houses by Agreement

	No. of houses (1)	No. of occupants of houses in Col. (1) (2)
(16) Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased in the year ..	1	1
Number of families re-housed during the year into Council owned dwellings:		
(a) Clearance Areas, etc. .. .. .. ..		11
(b) Overcrowding .. .. .. ..		Nil

## Rent Act, 1957

(a) No. of Certificates of Disrepair granted .. .. ..	Nil
(b) No. of Undertakings to execute repairs given by owners to the local authority .. .. .. ..	Nil
(c) No. of Certificates of Disrepair cancelled .. .. ..	Nil

## Overcrowding

Many houses have only one bedroom and the bedroom accommodation is insufficient although not statutorily overcrowded.

## Grants for Conversion or Improvement of Housing Accommodation

	Formal applica- tions received during the year No. of dwellings	Applications approved during the year No. of dwellings	No. of dwellings completed during the year
(a) Conversions (The number of dwellings is the number resulting from completion of the work)	—	—	—
(b) Improvements	55	55	37

## Details of Advances for the Purpose of Acquiring or Constructing Houses

22 advances approved for acquiring houses.

5 advances approved for alteration to houses.

## SECTION V

### Mr. W. Urnson, Public Health Inspector, reports:—

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

##### Milk Supply

Responsibility for the issue of dealers and supplementary licences to retail designated milk was transferred to the County Council from the 1st January, 1961. The Urban District Council is now only responsible for the registration of distributors and their premises.

No dairies are registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959, but 10 distributors are registered under these regulations.

During the year 30 samples of milk were submitted for examination by the Methylene Blue Test. Of these, 28 samples passed the test and 2 failed.

The number of samples taken for examination for the presence of *Brucella Abortus* was 30. These were reported as follows:—

	Ring Test			Cream Culture
	Pos.	D'tful	Neg.	Pos.
No. of samples 30	—	1	29	—

Results of group and individual sampling carried out are tabulated below.

	No. of Samples	Ring Test			Cream Culture	
		Pos.	D'tful	Neg.	Pos.	Neg.
Group samples	3	—	—	3	—	—
Individual cow samples	867	152	41	674	51	142
Total	870	152	41	677	51	142

At the beginning of the year Orders under Article 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations requiring treatment of milk before sale were in force at 6 farms.

During the year Orders were made affecting 7 farms and withdrawn at 3 farms.

At the end of the year Orders remained in force at 7 farms.

### Ice Cream

There are 3 premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act for the manufacture and sale of ice cream. No manufacture was, however, carried out at these premises, but wrapped ice cream was sold at two, and the other was not used.

There are 41 premises registered for the sale of ice cream. The registration for 36 of these premises is in respect of wrapped ice cream only. During the year wrapped ice cream was retailed from 34 premises, and 7 premises, although registered for the sale of ice cream, were not used.

### Slaughterhouses

One slaughterhouse licence was renewed during the year.

The number of men licensed to slaughter animals in accordance with the Slaughter of Animals Acts, 1933 and 1954 was, at the end of the year, 11.

### Meat Inspection

In carrying out the work of inspection 105 visits were made to the slaughterhouses.

Particulars of carcases inspected by the Public Health Inspector are shown in the following table:—

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	146	17	7	303	216
Carcases Inspected	146	17	7	303	216
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	25	7	2	7	9
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci ..	17.12	41.18	28.57	2.31	4.12
Tuberculosis only					
Whole carcases condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis only					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned .. .. ..	—	—	—	—	—

All condemned meat is stained with Napthelene Green Dye, and small quantities are disposed of immediately by incineration at the slaughterhouse concerned.

### Bakehouses

There are 6 bakehouses in the district, none of which are underground.

### Food Premises

There are 18 Food Preparing Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 8 for the manufacture of sausages and 10 for fish frying.

Details of food premises are as follows:—

Public Houses .. ..	19	Retail Shops	
Licensed Clubs .. ..	4	Butchers .. ..	11
Factory Canteens .. ..	10	General Provisions .. ..	35
School Canteens .. ..	7	Greengrocers .. ..	5
Bakehouses .. ..	6	Sweets and Confectioners .. ..	11
		Fish and Chips .. ..	10

### FOOD HYGIENE

Since the appointment of a Technical Assistant in the Public Health Department it has been possible to give more attention to the supervision of food preparing and general food premises and also to mobile shops and delivery vehicles operating in the District.

373 visits were made in connection with the Food Hygiene Regulations to the following:

Butchers	..	..	..	21
Grocers	..	..	..	82
Greengrocers	..	..	..	28
Confectioners	..	..	..	26
Fish Fryers	..	..	..	36
Public Houses	..	..	..	56
Canteens	..	..	..	38
Bakehouses	..	..	..	33
Food Hawkers & Mobile Vehicles	..	..	..	41
Cafes	..	..	..	12
				373

Contraventions and defects were found as under.

**Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls & Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966:**

No. of Inspections—41 Notices served—18 Notices complied—21

Contravention	Outstanding 1st Jan./68	Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31st Dec./68
Reg. 6 Cleanliness of Equipment	—	1	—	1
„ 7 Protection from contamination ..	4	3	5	2
„ 9 Washable overclothing ..	—	2	1	1
„ 13 Name & Address displayed ..	18	5	13	10
„ 16 Provision of Washing Facilities .. ..	19	10	18	11
„ 17 Provision First Aid Equipment .. ..	18	9	11	16
„ 18 Facilities for Washing Food & Equipment ..	—	3	—	3
„ 22 Provision of receptacles for waste .. ..	4	3	5	2

**Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960:**

Notices outstanding, 1st January, 1968	..	..	..	30
Notices served .. .. ..	..	..	..	27
Notices complied .. .. ..	..	..	..	43
Notices outstanding, 31st December, 1968	..	..	..	14

## Contraventions

Dontravention	Outstanding 1st Jan./68	Found	Remedied	Outstanding 31st Dec./68
Reg. 6 Cleanliness of Equipment	12	3	11	4
” 8 Protection of Food from Contamination ..	3	3	5	1
” 12 Soil Drains ..	—	1	—	1
” 14 Sanitary Conveniences ..	1	3	3	1
” 16 Provision of Washing Facilities ..	2	4	4	2
” 17 Provision of First Aid Equipment ..	2	6	5	3
” 18 Accommodation for Clothing ..	2	1	3	—
” 19 Facilities for washing Food and Equipment	3	1	3	1
” 21 Ventilation of Food Rooms ..	—	1	—	1
” 23 Cleanliness and Repair of Food Rooms ..	29	21	36	14
” 24 Accumulation of Refuse ..	3	1	3	1

## Food and Drugs Act, 1955

The West Riding County Council is the Authority responsible for the Food Adulteration Section of the Act. Particulars of samples taken during the year have been supplied by the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures and show that 18 samples of milk, 2 of drugs and 17 of other foods were examined. All these samples were found to be genuine.

## SECTION VI.

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF DISEASES.

#### Scarlet Fever.

One case was notified during the year. This was a patient aged 7 years, resident in Lower Cumberworth.

#### Measles.

A total of 93 cases were notified. Of these patients 4 were aged under one year, 54 were aged 1—5 years, and 35 were aged 5—15 years.

#### Tuberculosis.

During the year two cases of tuberculosis (1 pulmonary, 1 non-pulmonary) were entered in the register whilst no cases were removed. The cases remaining on the register at the end of the year were:

Pulmonary ..	Male	11	Female	5
Non-pulmonary ..	Male	2	Female	1

SECTION VII

COUNTY COUNCIL  
OF THE  
WEST RIDING OF YORKSHIRE

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DIVISION 20

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URBAN DISTRICTS OF :

COLNE VALLEY	KIRKBURTON
DENBY DALE	MELTHAM
HOLMFIRTH	SADDLEWORTH

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ANNUAL REPORT

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1968

## DIVISIONAL STAFF

### Divisional Medical Officer

P. M. SAMMON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

### Senior Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

A. L. J. CUSACK, M.B., Ch.B., B.A.O., D.P.H.

### Assistant Departmental Medical Officers and School Medical Officers

L. LLOYD EVANS, M.B., Ch.B.  
(Appointed 1.7.68)

G. D. ROWORTH, M.B., Ch.B.  
(Appointed full-time 30.12.68)

### Clinic Medical Officers (Part-time)

A. N. BRADFORD, M.B., B.C., L.M.S.S.A.	S. M. LIGHTOWLER, M.B., Ch.B.
N. DENNIS, M.B., Ch.B.	H. MERCER, M.B., Ch.B.
B. EAGLES, M.B., Ch.B.	A. K. RAKHIT, M.B., B.S., D.P.H.
A. HAND, M.B., Ch.B.	G. D. ROWORTH, M.B., Ch.B.
E. HIGGINS, M.B., Ch.B.	(Appointed full-time 30.12.68)
A. A. KENYON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.	E. D. SHAW, M.B., Ch.B.
T. A. LAMBROS, M.B., Ch.B.	L. M. SYKES, M.B., Ch.B.

### Divisional Nursing Officer:

Miss J. L. LAW

### Health Visitors and School Nurses:

Mrs. M. J. BALL	Mrs. D. INMAN (Appointed 2.12.68)
Miss J. M. BALMFORTH	Mrs. E. L. B. LYTHE
*Mrs. B. BUCKLEY	Mrs. M. MCKENNA (Appointed 1.7.68)
*Mrs. G. M. CLARK (Appointed 8.4.68)	Miss B. I. OWNSWORTH
Miss E. DAVIES (Resigned 31.3.68)	Miss R. PYATT
Mrs. M. DEVY	Mrs. M. E. ROBINSON (Appointed 26.3.68)
Mrs. F. E. FISCHER	Mrs. A. ROYSTON
Miss I. C. GARRICK	Miss A. SHAW (Resigned 31/8/68)
Mrs. P. HARTLEY	Mrs. G. M. WADSWORTH
Mrs. O. P. HOLLINGDALE (Appointed 20.3.68)	*Mrs. J. YATES

### Assistants to the Health Visitors:

*Mrs. A. A. BUTTERWORTH	Mrs. D. SPENCER
Mrs. N. LEATHAM	*Mrs. M. STAINFORTH
Mrs. J. LEACH	

### Midwives:

Mrs. I. A. GREEN	Mrs. E. KILROY
Mrs. K. HAIGH	Mrs. M. KILROY

**Nurse/Midwives:**

Miss M. ASHTON	Miss C. GREENWOOD
Mrs. M. BOOTHROYD (Appointed 4.9.68)	(Appointed 15.5.68)
Miss K. BROOKES	Miss B. HEMSLEY (Appointed 1.5.68)
Miss C. M. DUCKWORTH	Mrs. K. M. KAYE
Mrs. D. GARLICK	Miss M. SYKES

**Home Nurses:**

Mrs. M. W. ALLOTT	*Mrs. M. MOORHOUSE
Mrs. M. D. BENNION	Mrs. N. PLATT
Mrs. B. BENTLEY	Mrs. H. M. STURGEON
*Mrs. J. D. BOTTOM	(Resigned 23.1.68)
Miss L. CASEY	Mrs. J. TAYLOR
Mrs. E. CHARLES (Appointed 1.1.68)	Miss. M. WHITELEY
*Mrs. M. COCKIN (Resigned 31.7.68)	Mrs. E. H. WILSON
*Mrs. M. D. FITTON (Resigned 17.8.68)	

**Mental Welfare Officers:**

Mrs. A. L. CARTER	Mr. F. B. SYKES
Mr. D. COCKIN (Younghusband Course until 27.5.68)	
Mr. P. McHALE	

**Home Teacher for (Mentally) Subnormal Children:**  
Miss E. BALL, Seconded to Kirkburton Training Centre.

**Speech Therapist:**

\*Mrs. C. E. STACEY

**Kirkburton Training Centre Staff:**

Supervisor: Mrs. J. BOOTH

**Senior Assistant Supervisor:**

Miss M. E. WHITEHOUSE

**Assistant Supervisors:**

Mrs. E. M. DARLEY (Appointed 2.9.68)
Miss A. M. DEWES (Resigned 23.8.68)
Mrs. D. H. ELLIS
Mrs. N. NOBLE

**Senior Instructor:** Mr. A. D. BERRY  
(Diploma Course for Teachers of the Mentally Handicapped until 8.7.68)

**Instructors:**

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## WEST RIDING COUNTY COUNCIL—SERVICES

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### INTRODUCTION

In this section an account is given of the services provided by the West Riding County Council in the Division.

The Division which consists of the Urban Districts of Colne Valley, Denby Dale, Holmfirth, Kirkburton, Meltham and Saddleworth, has a population of 95,290 and an area of 82,750 acres. Although the population is only slightly more than one person per acre on average, owing to the wild moorland nature of much of the Division, the majority of the inhabitants live in small urban communities in the various valleys.

### STAFF

The medical staff consists of a Divisional Medical Officer, who is also the Medical Officer of Health for the six County Districts in the Division, one Senior Departmental Medical Officer, who is also deputy Medical Officer of Health for all the County Districts except Saddleworth, and another Senior Departmental Medical Officer, who is deputy Medical Officer of Health for Saddleworth. In addition there should be two full-time Assistant Departmental Medical Officers or their part-time equivalents. At the end of the year, vacancies existed for one Senior Departmental and one Departmental Medical Officer. There were twelve part-time Medical Officers undertaking sessional duties at Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinics.

Four Mental Welfare Officers are employed wholly in the Division.

With the opening of the new Kirkburton Training Centre the former Home Teacher for the subnormal was seconded to the Centre where she is employed full time.

The rest of the staff at the Training Centre consists of a Supervisor, a Senior and three Assistant Supervisors, a Senior Instructor, an Instructor, and a Cadet.

Details of the Health Visiting, Home Nursing and Midwifery Staffs will be found later in this report.

The statistics given in this Section relate to the whole Division but where practicable they are sub-divided into those for the various districts.

## COMPARATIVE STATISTICS FOR 1968

	Colne Valley U.D.	Denby Dale U.D.	Holmfirth U.D.	Kirkburton U.D.	Meltham U.D.	Saddleworth U.D.	Division No. 20	Aggregate West Riding U.D.'s.	West Rid Adm Cou
Area (Acres) ..	16,052	10,165	17,565	14,577	5,906	18,485	82,750	380,334	1,609
Population ..	21,060	10,370	18,890	19,440	6,200	19,330	95,290	1,260,340	1,774
Live Births ..	337	196	318	272	103	327	1,553	22,112	31
Still Births ..	5	6	4	1	1	2	19	323	
Deaths ..	281	110	210	371	82	233	1,287	15,532	20,
Deaths under 1 year of age ..	6	3	11	5	—	1	26	436	
Birth Rate Per 1,000 estimated population (Crude) ..	16.00	18.90	16.83	13.99	16.61	16.92	16.30	17.5	1
,, (Adjusted) ..	17.92	20.98	18.68	15.53	18.77	18.78	—	17.9	1
Death Rates All per 1,000 estimated population									
All Causes (Crude) ..	13.34	10.61	11.12	19.08	13.23	12.05	13.51	12.3	1
,, , (Adjusted) ..	13.47	10.40	9.90	11.64	14.42	11.33	—	12.9	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory system ..	0.05	—	—	0.05	—	0.05	0.03	0.03	0
Other forms of Tuberculosis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.02	0
Respiratory Diseases (excluding tuberculosis of respiratory system) ..	1.57	1.16	1.38	3.45	1.45	1.35	1.82	1.74	1
Cancer ..	2.04	1.54	2.17	1.85	1.45	2.43	2.01	2.25	2
Circulatory Diseases excluding Cerebro-vascular Disease ..	5.03	4.73	3.71	7.92	6.45	5.12	5.44	4.64	4
Cerebrovascular Disease ..	2.52	1.35	1.64	2.67	1.94	1.66	2.04	1.89	1
Infant Mortality ..	17.80	15.31	34.59	18.38	—	3.06	16.74	19.7	18
Maternal Mortality ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0.09	0

\*Figures not available.

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Births

The number of live births registered in the Divisional area during 1968 was 1,553 (826 male, 727 female) a decrease of 24 compared with the previous year.

THE CRUDE BIRTH RATE was 16.30 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 16.91 for 1967.

The illegitimate live births numbered 102 or 6.57% of the total live births. This compares with 29 or 2.68% in 1955, 57 in 1962, 77 in 1963, 88 in 1964, 82 in 1965, 82 in 1966 and 94 in 1967.

### Deaths

The deaths assigned to the Divisional area after correction for transfers were 1,287 (621 male, 666 female) a decrease of 59 on the total for 1967.

THE CRUDE DEATH RATE from all causes was 13.51 per 1,000 of the estimated population as compared with 14.43 for the previous year.

The following were the principal causes of death in order of frequency:

(i) Circulatory diseases (excl. Cerebrovascular disease)	..	518
(ii) Cerebrovascular disease	..	194
(iii) Malignant Neoplasms	..	192
(iv) Respiratory diseases	..	173

These four causes accounted for 83.68% of the total deaths.

### Infant Mortality

In 1968 the deaths of infants under one year of age numbered 26, as compared with 37 in the previous year. Of these deaths 16 infants were under 4 weeks of age at the time of death.

THE INFANT MORTALITY RATE was 16.74 per 1,000 live births, as compared with 23.46 for 1967.

The death rate amongst legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births was 15.15 as compared with 22.93 for 1967.

Four illegitimate children died under one year of age giving a death rate amongst illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births of 39.22.

## EPIDEMIOLOGY

### Smallpox

No cases of smallpox were reported during the year.

The number of records of vaccinations and re-vaccinations received during the year was 635 and 21 as compared with 885 and 138 respectively in the previous year.

Details of the various age groups vaccinated and re-vaccinated are given below:—

District	VACCINATIONS						RE-VACCINATIONS				
	Under 1	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total	1	2-4	5-15	16+	Total
Colne Valley	2	118	35	4	—	159	—	—	4	—	4
Denby Dale	2	53	9	1	—	65	—	—	—	—	—
Holmfirth	12	78	29	3	—	122	—	1	3	—	4
Kirkburton	—	103	31	—	—	134	—	1	3	—	4
Meltham	—	29	12	4	—	45	—	—	3	—	3
Saddleworth	2	63	45	—	—	110	—	—	6	—	6
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>161</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>635</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>21</b>

No cases of Generalised Vaccinia were reported.

### Diphtheria

No cases of Diphtheria were notified during the year.

Arrangements for immunisation have continued as in previous years, the inoculations being given at Infant Welfare Centres and by private medical practitioners.

During the year, 965 children received a full course of primary immunisation and 855 received booster doses as compared with 1,359 and 964 respectively in 1967.

Of the 1,577 children born in 1967, 1,259 were immunised against diphtheria either in 1967 or 1968. This is equivalent to a percentage of 79.84%, as compared with 82.2% for 1966.

**Number of Children Immunised in 1968  
Against Diphtheria**

Urban District	Full Courses Children born in years								Total
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1959-63	1954-58		
Colne Valley ..	68	151	5	5	1	7	3		237
Denby Dale ..	24	76	1	—	—	—	1		101
Holmfirth ..	53	119	3	2	4	7	2		188
Kirkburton ..	45	104	5	6	—	2	4		162
Meltham ..	24	49	—	1	1	1	—		76
Saddleworth ..	60	131	1	4	—	5	2		201
<b>TOTAL</b> ..	<b>274</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>12</b>		<b>965</b>

  

Secondary Booster Injection								
Urban District	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1959-63	1954-58	Total
Colne Valley ..	—	4	16	1	61	148	4	234
Denby Dale ..	—	2	8	—	21	60	2	93
Holmfirth ..	—	6	5	1	42	113	6	173
Kirkburton ..	—	6	5	1	18	114	6	150
Meltham ..	—	—	2	—	8	35	2	47
Saddleworth ..	—	4	10	1	30	103	10	158
<b>TOTAL</b> ..	<b>—</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>573</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>855</b>

Records of the immunisation state of children in the Divisional area as at 31st December, 1968, are shown below:—

Age at 31.12.68 <i>i.e.</i> , Born in Year	Under 1 1968	1-4 1964-67	5-9 1959-63	10-14 1954-58	Total Under 15
Last complete course of injections (whether primary or booster)					
A. 1964-68 .. .. ..	274	2,864	3,524	3,672	10,334
B. 1963 or earlier .. .. ..	—	—	2,445	1,637	4,082
Estimated mid-year child population .. ..		Children under 5	Children 5-14		
Percentage of child population last immunised 1964-68 (whether primary or booster) .. ..	7,400		12,000		19,400
	42.41		59.97		53.27

**Measles Vaccination**

A limited scheme of vaccination against measles was brought into operation at the beginning of May. Vaccination should be offered to all children up to and including the age of 15 who are susceptible because they have neither been immunised nor had measles.

At the end of the year the number of children who had received vaccination against measles was 1,464.

## Whooping Cough

Immunisation of children against whooping cough has continued throughout the year. The majority of children immunised received protection through the combined antigens.

The inoculations have been carried out by private medical practitioners and at Infant Welfare Centres and during the year 940 children received protective treatment as follows, compared with 1,323 in 1967:—

District	Number of children immunised born in year						Total
	1968	1967	1966	1965	1961-64	1954-60	
Colne Valley ..	68	151	4	5	5	1	234
Denby Dale ..	23	74	1	—	4	—	102
Holmfirth ..	53	119	2	2	1	—	177
Kirkburton ..	45	103	3	4	2	—	157
Meltham ..	24	49	—	1	—	—	74
Saddleworth ..	60	129	—	3	3	1	196
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>273</b>	<b>625</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>940</b>

Of the 1,577 children born in 1967 a total of 1,252 were immunised either in 1967 or 1968. This is equivalent to 79.4% of the total number of children born in 1967 and compares with 81.9% for 1966.

## Dysentery

During the year 30 cases of Sonne Dysentery were confirmed in the Division as compared with 60 cases in 1967. Fifteen of these cases occurred in Colne Valley U.D., one in Kirkburton U.D., and 14 in the Saddleworth Urban District. Of these, 7 were children of pre-school age, 19 were children of school age and 4 were adults.

## Acute Poliomyelitis

No cases of acute poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

The arrangements for vaccination against poliomyelitis have continued.

During the year, vaccinations given were as follows:—

						Oral
Children born in 1968 ..	..	..	..	..	..	197
Children born in 1967 ..	..	..	..	..	..	890
Children born in 1966 ..	..	..	..	..	..	39
Children born in 1965 ..	..	..	..	..	..	22
Children born in 1961—1964 ..	..	..	..	..	..	27
Others under age 16 years ..	..	..	..	..	..	6
Received 4th booster doses (children 5-11 years) ..	..	..	..	..	..	813

### Food Poisoning

Ten cases of food poisoning occurred in the Saddleworth U.D. In 9 cases pre-cooked chicken purchased from a mobile butcher's shop was suspected and in the other case, a chicken sandwich eaten at a wedding reception in Bradford was suspected as the cause of illness.

### Brucellosis in Cattle

During the year the Public Health Inspectors in the various Urban Districts in the Division and the County Milk Sampling Officers have continued taking samples of milk for biological test for Tuberculosis and Brucellosis. No samples were positive for Tuberculosis but of 385 herd samples taken 16 were positive for Brucellosis by cream culture test.

The follow-up of the positive herd samples resulted in the taking of 1628 individual cow samples of which 93 were positive by cream culture test. In consequence of these results, 31 compulsory Pasteurisation Orders were made under Section 20 of the Milk and Dairies Regulations (General) 1959, involving 21 farms.

Details of the samples taken in the various Urban Districts are given in the following table:—

District	HERDS				INDIVIDUAL COWS			
	No. Taken	Positive Results			No. Taken	Results Positive		
		Cream	Serum	Spleen		Cream	Serum	Spleen
Colne Valley	60	1	—	—	22	3	—	—
Denby Dale	33	—	—	—	867	51	—	—
Holmfirth ..	79	5	—	—	1	—	—	—
Kirkburton	200	10	—	—	477	24	—	—
Meltham	9	—	—	—	41	1	—	—
Saddleworth	4	—	—	—	220	14	—	—
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>385</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>1628</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>—</b>

### Mass Radiography Service

Details of the Surveys carried out in the Divisional area during the year are as follows:—

Survey undertaken at	Number Examined	ABNORMALITIES DISCOVERED			
		Tuberculosis		Other	Total
		Active	Inactive		
<b>Colne Valley U.D.</b> Pearson Bros. Ltd., Victoria Mills, Golcar	131	—	—	—	—
<b>W.R.C.C. Clinic,</b> Linthwaite	293	—	—	5	5
<b>Conservative Club,</b> Marsden	393	1	—	—	1
<b>Denby Dale U.D.</b> R. Beanland & Co. Clayton West	287	—	—	3	3
<b>The Memorial Hall,</b> Denby Dale	272	—	1	1	2
<b>Holmfirth U.D.</b> J. France Ltd., Queens Square Mills, Honley	285	—	—	2	2
<b>Burnlee Working Men's</b> Club, Holmfirth	375	—	—	2	2
<b>New Drill Hall,</b> Thongsbridge	330	—	—	2	2
<b>Saddleworth U.D.</b> Methodist School, Greenfield	547	—	—	5	5
<b>J. Bradbury &amp; Co. Ltd.,</b> Alexander Mill, Uppermill	182	1	—	—	1
<b>Total</b>	3095	2	1	20	23

## MIDWIFERY AND MATERNITY SERVICES

### Domiciliary Midwifery

The number of cases attended by the domiciliary midwives during the year was 191 as compared with 231 in 1967.

At the commencement of the year, 4 midwives and 6 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year, 3 nurse/midwives were appointed.

At the end of the year the staff consisted of 4 midwives and 9 nurse/midwives.

The services of the domiciliary midwives continued to be offered to all patients confined in hospitals or maternity homes but discharged home before the 10th day of puerperium. During the year, 502 such patients received nursing care, 1,951 individual visits being paid to them.

Of the 1,562 births notified and attributed to the Division, 195 occurred at home. The midwives and Home Nurse/Midwives together attended 191 cases. One Midwife attended over 30 cases, 3 attended over 20 cases each and 5 Home Nurse/Midwives attended 10 cases and over.

#### Notifications:

One notification relating to a stillbirth was received from a midwife practising in the Division.

#### Medical Assistance:

Medical aid forms sent in by midwives during 1968 numbered 103, (26 domiciliary, 77 institutional).

The institutional notifications all related to mothers confined in the Holme Valley Memorial Hospital.

#### Gas and Air Analgesia

Each of the 13 domiciliary midwives was supplied with a trilene apparatus and 3 were held in reserve.

Trilene was administered to 125 cases or 65.45% of the cases attended as compared with 159 cases in 1967.

Pethidine was administered by domiciliary midwives to 134 cases or 70.16% of the cases attended as compared with 138 cases in 1967.

#### Ante-Natal Clinics

During the year, 86 ante-natal patients attended at the various clinics, details of which are given in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients		Number of Attendances		Average attendance per session
		Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	Ante-Natal	Post-Natal	
Springhead ..	24	55	—	303	—	12.63
Uppermill ..	25	31	—	162	—	6.48
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>†49</b>	<b>86</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>—</b>	<b>9.49</b>

† Includes 37 sessions conducted by midwife—no doctor present.

The arrangements made with the general practitioner/obstetricians for the midwives and home nurse/midwives to attend the weekly ante-natal clinics conducted by them in their surgeries have continued. Particulars of attendances at these clinics are given below:—

		No. of sessions	No. of attendances
Denby Dale	..	48	224
Golcar	..	41	163
Golcar	..	44	230
Honley	..	44	677
Shepley	..	24	437
Meltham	..	36	500
Skelmanthorpe	..	37	246
Slaithwaite	..	45	272
Slaithwaite	..	45	203
Slaithwaite	..	46	150
Marsden	..	28	125

The attendances at the ante-natal relaxation classes show a decrease of 309 on those for 1967. The instruction given by the midwives and health visitors is greatly appreciated by the expectant mothers.

Particulars of attendances at these classes are shown in the following table:—

Clinic	Number of Sessions	Number of Patients	Number of attendances	Average attendance per session
Golcar	49	34	231	4.71
Honley	47	42	312	6.64
Kirkheaton	47	34	200	4.26
Kirkburton	48	45	233	4.85
Lepton	45	37	202	4.49
Meltham	48	40	233	4.85
Scissett	43	45	369	8.58
Slaithwaite	49	40	151	3.08
Uppermill	51	23	232	4.55
Springhead	52	28	201	3.87
TOTAL	479	368	2364	4.94

### Flying Squad Arrangements

The arrangements for the "Obstetric Flying Squads" based on the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary and the Oldham and District General Hospital have continued. No calls were made on either squad to attend patients in the Division during the year.

### Institutional Midwifery

The percentage of institutional births is 87.52 as compared with 85.12 in 1967 and 79.8% in 1966.

The system of booking for maternity accommodation in Huddersfield whereby applications are made through the general practitioner has continued and has secured a better selection of patients. No requests from hospitals for environmental reports have been received during the past three years.

The scheme for planned 48 hour-plus discharge from the Marron Maternity Unit at the Oldham & District General Hospital continues to work satisfactorily. Notification is received of all pending early discharges and environmental reports are submitted in those cases where the home conditions are considered to be unsuitable.

Place of Confinement	Colne Valley	Denby Dale	Holm-firth	Kirkburton	Meltham	Saddleworth	Total
<b>General Hospitals:</b>							
Hudds. Royal Infirmary	49	42	20	34	15	—	160
St. Luke's Hospital ..	168	33	2	88	47	—	338
Holme Valley Memorial Hospital ..	—	—	314	—	—	—	314
Oldham & Dist. General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	169	169
Ashton-u-Lyne General Hospital ..	—	—	—	—	—	17	17
Others ..	2	4	2	—	—	5	13
<b>N.H.S. Maternity Homes and Hospitals:</b>							
Princess Royal Maternity Home ..	91	60	6	94	24	—	275
Woodfield Maternity Home ..	—	—	—	—	—	57	57
Others ..	1	20	1	10	1	—	33
<b>Private Maternity Homes</b>	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
	311	159	345	227	87	248	1377
<b>Domiciliary</b> ..	36	37	7	28	12	75	195
<b>TOTAL</b> ..	347	196	352	255	99	323	1572

### Premature Babies

During the year 78 babies weighing  $5\frac{1}{2}$  lbs. or less were born alive in hospitals or nursing homes to mothers normally resident in the Division and 8 were born at home. Of those born at home 7 were surviving at the end of the month.

## CHILD WELFARE

### Distribution of Welfare Foods

There has been no change in the arrangements for the distribution of Welfare Foods.

At the 17 distribution centres in the Division the welfare foods distributed during the year, and the comparative figures for 1964, 1965, 1966 and 1967 are as follows:—

	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964
National Dried Milk (Tins)	1,889	2,183	2,492	2,911	2,937
Orange Juice (Bottles)	31,429	32,602	27,783	24,960	21,299
Cod Liver Oil (Bottles)	2,226	2,134	2,351	2,458	2,294
Vitamin A. & D. Tablets (Packets)	1,501	1,546	1,680	1,833	2,002

### Infant Welfare Clinics

As compared with 1967 there has been a decrease of 109 to 4,492 in the number of children who attended the various clinics and a decrease of 404 to 32,344 in the number of attendances made. The attendances at the Mobile Clinic have also decreased during the year when 183 children made 825 attendances as compared with 228 children making 836 attendances in 1967.

The clinics at Delph, Holmfirth and Marsden were transferred during the year from rented premises to purpose-built clinics.

Name and Address of Centre	No. of infant welfare sessions held during year by—				No. of children who attended for the first time during the year and who were born in	Total No. of children who attended during the year	No. of attendances made by children who were born in the year	Total attendances during the year	
	Local Health Authority Medical Officers	Health Visitors only	General practitioner employed on sessional basis	Hospital medical staff					
Delph—Swan Meadow	..	5	47	—	52	32	27	93	373
Golcar—Woodville, Scar Lane	..	—	51	—	51	104	108	316	899
Greenfield—Methodist Church	..	26	24	—	51	40	32	143	432
Holmfirth—Health Centre, Huddersfield Road	..	1	8	—	50	90	100	126	656
Honley—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Eastgate	..	—	49	—	49	52	55	97	204
Kirkburton—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Shelley Lane	..	1	44	—	51	48	60	43	151
Kirkheaton—Fields Rise	..	—	47	—	50	53	73	150	276
Lepton—Greaves House	..	1	49	—	51	67	41	27	135
Linthwaite—Causeway Crescent	..	3	1	47	—	51	65	81	169
Marsden—Conservative Club	..	—	—	—	51	67	139	198	404
Meltham—Carlile Institute	..	—	2	50	—	52	119	223	128
New Mill—Council Offices	..	3	1	46	—	50	63	110	123
Scissett—Fleet Street	..	17	1	33	—	51	106	91	78
Slaithwaite—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane	..	—	44	47	—	91	90	79	90
Springhead—W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper St.	..	1	—	48	—	49	109	67	156
Uppermill—Smithy Lane	..	—	—	51	—	51	93	97	287
Mobile Clinic	..	5	2	34	—	41	52	55	183
Emley—Tipping Lane	..	10	13	1	—	24	23	10	4
Total	..	91	98	727	—	916	1273	1451	1768
									4492
									12660
									12463
									7221
									32344

## Nurseries and Child Minders Regulations Act, 1948

At the end of the year there were 6 registered Child Minders in the area. The number of children permitted to be received varies from 6 to 18. In addition 17 playgroups for toddlers not registered under the Act but receiving unofficial supervision were in operation. The size of these groups varies from 4 to 40 children.

The playgroup sessions last from 2 to 4½ hours.

Generally speaking the groups are conducted on satisfactory lines although accommodation is somewhat cramped in some cases and rather bleak in others.

There are no day nurseries in the area provided by the County Council but occasionally children are admitted to Day Nurseries in the Huddersfield County Borough at the expense of the County Council.

## HEALTH VISITING

The number of cases visited during the year was 8,541 which is a decrease of 513 on the previous year.

During the year two full-time qualified health visitors resigned their appointments, whilst 4 full-time and one part-time qualified health visitors were appointed.

A Health Visitor has continued to attend the diabetic out-patient clinic held at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary on one half-day each week. She also carries out home visitations of the West Riding patients attending the clinic. During the year, the Health Visitor attended 50 clinic sessions and made 2,261 home visits to 322 patients.

### Visits paid by Health Visitors

Cases Visited	No. of Cases
Children born in 1968 .. ..	1,553
Children born in 1967 .. ..	1,178
Children born in 1963-66 .. ..	1,971
	4,702
Persons aged 65 or over (excluding "domestic help only" visits) ..	1,287
Mentally disordered persons .. ..	13
Persons, excluding maternity cases, discharged from hospital .. ..	470
No. of tuberculous households visited	157
No. of households visited on account of other infectious diseases .. ..	51
Other cases .. ..	1,861

## HEALTH EDUCATION

In 1968 the Health Visitors maintained their standard of topical posters and leaflets in the clinics. The demand for talks by numerous groups increased, particularly among the teenage and female organisations, 36 having been given to these by the Health Visiting field staff, whilst the Divisional Nursing Officer gave 9. Over and above this the 1967/8 session of talks to the Ambulance Officers was completed along with a further session of 5 evenings at the end of 1968. These talks, a majority of which were illustrated by films and/or filmstrips, were given by the Divisional Nursing Officer.

The School Health Education Programme has been extended and there are now regular weekly and/or bi-weekly sessions in 3 Secondary Modern Schools, whilst in a fourth the programme consists of a weekly session for 4-6 weeks per term. These sessions cover age groups varying from 11 to 16 years, and embrace subjects ranging from reproduction through mothercraft to smoking and V.D., and drugs, etc. Emphasis throughout is on "Learning to Live" rather than "Sex Education" and in the past year more boys have been drawn in. Adults are now asking for group education on what to tell their children and how to answer their questions.

Several of the Home Nurses and Midwives are being brought into the programme, being encouraged to participate with their local organisations and to work with the Health Visitor in the School Health Education Programme in their specialised fields.

Health Visitors participated in 451 ante natal classes within their clinics.

Evening Home Help courses were held throughout the Division under the chairmanship of the Divisional Nursing Officer, assisted by the field staff and clerical staff. Evening meetings of the voluntary workers' committees' for each of the areas were held, also under the chairmanship of the Divisional Nursing Officer, assisted by the Health Visitor for each area. Miss Law, Divisional Nursing Officer, was called upon twice by the Huddersfield College of Technology to talk on Community Nursing and Hospital Services to hospital Nursing Staff taking Hospital Management Courses.

There is still a large field uncovered and the Assistants to Health Visitors doing hygiene inspections in schools are being encouraged to give short talks on elementary hygiene.

## PROBLEM FAMILIES

The two Co-ordinating Committees operating in the Division have continued to meet regularly throughout the year. Representatives from the County Health, Education, Welfare and Children's Departments attended each meeting, together with representatives from the various County Districts. Other members of the Committees are the local N.S.P.C.C. Inspectors, officials of the Ministry of Social Security and the Probation Officers.

The Saddleworth Committee met three times during the year, with an average attendance of 10 members. A total of 12 families were discussed, 3 of them being new cases. Three families were removed from the list during the year, as improved.

The Huddersfield Committee met 5 times during the year with an average attendance of 13 members. A total of 43 families were discussed, 11 of them being new cases. 18 families were removed from the list, 11 being improved, and 7 having left the district.

The Committees have continued to call the attention of the Housing Authorities to the urgent need for re-housing where necessary and to the Committee's concern regarding possible evictions.

During the year rent guarantees were in operation in respect of 17 families, in 5 cases these being withdrawn. The difficulties met with in these cases have seldom been due to the simple lack of money but rather to the inability to budget properly and make the most of their resources.

No cases were assisted during the year by the provision of a domestic help without assessment.

## HOME NURSING

At the commencement of the year 9 full-time and 4 part-time home nurses and 6 nurse/midwives were engaged in the Division. During the year one full-time and 2 part-time home nurses resigned their appointments. One full-time home nurse and 3 full-time nurse/midwives were appointed.

At the end of the year, the staff consisted of 9 full-time and 2 part-time home nurses and 9 nurse/midwives.

A summary of the number of cases dealt with during the year is shown in the following table:

Classification	No. of cases attended by Home Nurses during year	No. of visits paid by Home Nurses during year
Medical .. .. .. .. ..	1,470	35,351
Surgical .. .. .. .. ..	545	10,558
Infectious Diseases .. .. .. .. ..	5	76
Tuberculosis .. .. .. .. ..	20	883
Maternal complications .. .. .. .. ..	30	314
Other .. .. .. .. ..	—	—
Total ..	2,070	47,182
Patients included above who were aged 65 or over at the time of the first visit during the year .. .. .. .. ..		1,161
Children included above who were under 5 years of age at the time of the first visit during the year .. .. .. .. ..		90
Patients included above who have had more than 24 visits during the year .. .. .. .. ..		524

## CONVALESCENT HOME TREATMENT

The County Council provide convalescent home treatment for approved patients. During the year, 5 cases were sent to Convalescent Homes on the family doctor's recommendations. Seven additional applications were withdrawn.

## THE HOME HELP SERVICE

The number of part-time Home Helps employed during the year was 159 and these gave help equivalent to that of 53.83 full-time Home Helps, a decrease of 2.69 on those employed in 1967.

The number of patients receiving help during the year was 879, an increase of 32 compared with 1967, but the total hours of service given decreased by 5,595 to 111,975.

All our home helps are employed on a part-time basis, this being found to be more satisfactory than the employment of whole-time helps, as it enables the home help to be given two or three cases to attend in the vicinity of her home and obviates the necessity of travelling far and wide throughout the Divisional area. It is still difficult to recruit home helps who are willing to work during weekends.

A training course for home helps was held again this year. As in the previous year, the course consisted of five consecutive weekly meetings. The subjects under discussion at the meetings were as follows:—

- (a) Co-ordination of the work of the home help and the health visitor.
- (b) Co-ordination of the work of the home help and the home nurse and midwife.
- (c) Dealing with emergency medical problems, the speaker being a general medical practitioner.
- (d) Budget cooking, demonstrated by a representative of the Gas Board.
- (e) A group discussion with a panel consisting of representatives of the Ministry of Social Security, the Health and Welfare Departments, local authority nursing services and general medical practitioners.

This course was held in Saddleworth. In each of the other areas, viz., Kirkburton, Honley and Slaithwaite, evening meetings of the Home Help Service were held, when discussions between the public health personnel and the home helps under the chairmanship of the Divisional Nursing Officer proved very useful. Again it was suggested that more of the home helps would have attended if either transport was provided or travelling expenses paid.

Details of the assistance given to the 879 patients are shown in the following table:

CATEGORY	COLNE VALLEY		DENBY DALE		HOLMFIRTH		KIRKBURTON		SADDLEWORTH		TOTAL	
	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient	No. of Patients	Av. No. Hours per Patient
Maternity	3	22.33	2	15.56	4	12.00	3	8.00	4	14.75	9	15.38
Mentally Disordered	1	51.00	—	—	2	139.00	1	141.00	—	—	—	—
Chronic sick & Tuberculosis (under 65 years of age)	18	122.81	5	88.10	12	180.09	20	192.66	6	151.29	10	109.05
Aged 65 & over	196	117.79	62	111.53	141	152.84	124	179.12	50	167.73	166	84.94
Others	15	76.97	1	145.00	5	137.10	5	99.00	5	173.70	9	28.46
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>113.86</b>	<b>70</b>	<b>107.59</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>150.57</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>174.67</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>157.26</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>80.65</b>
												<b>879</b>
												<b>127.39</b>

## CHIROPODY SERVICE

During the year there was an increase of 81 in the number of patients receiving treatment and an increase of 412 in the number of treatments given.

The proportion of handicapped persons and expectant mothers is very low but in fact, many handicapped persons are included in the Pensioner class.

The extent to which treatment is being provided at more frequent intervals than every two months is very small. The 13 patients who fell into this category during the year received 127 treatments.

During the year 1,805 patients made 9,404 attendances at treatment centres and 899 patients received 4,002 domiciliary visits.

	CLINIC		DOMICILIARY	
	Patients	Attendances	Patients	Attendances
<b>(a) By Direct Service:</b>				
Golcar .. ..	179	881		
Slaithwaite .. ..	205	1,018	150	739
Holmfirth .. ..	207	1,080	209	938
Honley .. ..	74	375		
Kirkburton .. ..	29	230	88	363
Kirkheaton .. ..	89	477	53	253
Lepton .. ..	117	591		
Meltham .. ..	169	930	99	451
Scissett .. ..	213	1,105	108	433
Springhead .. ..	62	333	61	203
Uppermill .. ..	112	574		
Emley .. ..	46	261	16	62
<b>(b) By Voluntary Assc.</b>				
Delph .. ..	84	462	30	150
Denshaw .. ..	32	177	4	10
Greenfield .. ..	61	316	44	205
Marsden .. ..	126	594	37	195
<b>TOTAL .. ..</b>	<b>1,805</b>	<b>9,404</b>	<b>899</b>	<b>4,002</b>

## Screening Tests for Cervical Cancer

Married women, aged 35 to 65 years were eligible for the service if they were referred by their own general practitioners. Details of the clinics held during the year will be found in the accompanying table.

Name and Address of Clinic	No. of sessions held during year	No. of patients attending for first time during year	Total No. of smears taken	No. of patients with positive smears
Child Welfare Centre, Eastgate, Honley	9	141	141	1
Health Services Centre, Shelley Lane, Kirkburton	8	116	118	1
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Fleet Street, Scissett	8	118	118	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Carr Lane, Slaithwaite	13	213	213	1
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Cooper Street, Springhead	5	56	59	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic, Causeway Crescent, Linthwaite (commenced June)	10	151	154	—
W.R.C.C. Clinic Fields Rise, Kirkheaton (commenced July)	2	33	33	—
Child Welfare Centre, Scar Lane, Golcar (commenced August)	4	64	65	—
Child Welfare Centre, Carlile Institute, Meltham (commenced November)	2	38	38	—
Colne Valley High School, Linthwaite	1	20	20	—
Divisional Health Office, Huddersfield	1	13	13	—
W. & E. Crowther Ltd., Slaithwaite	2	59	59	—
Pearson Bros. Ltd., Victoria Mills, Golcar	1	21	21	—
Brooke Motors Ltd., Honley	1	18	18	—
Total	67	1061	1070	3

## National Assistance Acts, 1948-1951

Under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, a local authority may take action to secure removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention. Action was taken in one case during the year, this being in respect of an old lady aged 87 years, living alone. She was admitted to hospital under the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, for a period of three weeks. She settled in hospital and remained in on a voluntary basis but unfortunately she died shortly afterwards.

### Ambulance Service

During the year close co-operation has been maintained with the Superintendent of the Huddersfield Depot and any difficulties of a medical nature arising have been discussed.

The Service has worked smoothly throughout the year and complaints have been negligible.

During the year the ambulances from the Huddersfield Depot travelled 199,355 miles and carried 34,730 patients, 2,583 of these being stretcher patients. Particulars of the cases carried are given below:—

Out-Patients	..	..	..	..	30,663
Admissions	..	..	..	..	1,976
Discharges	..	..	..	..	1,010
Transfers	..	..	..	..	342
Accident Patients	..	..	..	..	739
					34,730

In the Saddleworth area arrangements with the Oldham County Borough Ambulance Service have continued.

During the year ambulances of the Oldham Service made journeys involving 25,060 miles and carried 4,041 patients and in addition journeys involving 28,943 miles were made by Sitting Case Cars on behalf of 4,274 patients. Of the patients carried 286 were classed as accident cases, 237 emergency cases and 7,792 others.

### Medical Examinations for Superannuation Purposes

During the year 24 examinations regarding suitability for entry into the County Council Superannuation Scheme were carried out by the Department's Medical Staff.

In addition, 7 examinations were carried out on behalf of other Authorities.

Fourteen special examinations following prolonged sickness were also made at the request of the various employing Authorities.

## MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The year was marked by further steady progress in the development of the service and an ever increasing closer liaison of the mental welfare officers with the general practitioners and hospital authorities.

## Hospital Liaison

Patients attend as day patients at both St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, and the Elizabeth Martland Unit, Oldham and District General Hospital. This is a very useful service and enables patients to live at home who would otherwise have to be admitted to hospital.

The attendance of the Mental Welfare Officers at the Psychiatric Out-Patient Clinic at St. Luke's Hospital, Huddersfield, has resulted in a better liaison with the Consultant Psychiatrist, and the opportunity to visit patients whilst still in hospital prepares the way for after-care. Difficulties do arise in placing patients in employment following discharge from hospital. There are not sufficient sympathetic employers and a sheltered workshop would help to bridge the gap between discharge from hospital and full employment. A Mental Welfare Officer also attends the Psychiatric Out-Patients Clinic on one morning and two afternoons per week.

## Psychiatric Clubs

There is still only one Club in the Division, this being at Springhead, but arrangements have been made for the Club run jointly with the Huddersfield Corporation to be re-started in Huddersfield in January, 1969. Membership is almost entirely female. The Club is still mainly occupational and has an average weekly attendance of fourteen, with ages ranging from 28 to 72 years.

Thirty members and friends attended a film show in Manchester, 36 members and relatives attended the Christmas Party, 16 members went on a tour of inspection of the Sunblest Bakery at Reddish and 30 members and relatives enjoyed a day's outing at Bridlington.

There has been some improvement in members attending the Club and they all appear to enjoy the weekly meetings. The isolated nature of the district does tend to keep the numbers down. Certain meeting points have been arranged and the Mental Welfare Officers collect members this way.

## Training Centre, Kirkburton

The trainees admitted from the Brighouse Division pending the building of a training centre in that Division have continued to attend.

The number of trainees in attendance at the end of the year was 90, 39 of them being under 16 years of age. The areas from which the trainees who were in attendance at the end of the year came are as follows:—

Resident In	Under 16 years		Over 16 years		Total	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Colne Valley U.D.	7	2	4	3	11	5
Denby Dale U.D.	6	2	5	8	11	10
Holmfirth U.D.	—	8	8	3	8	11
Kirkburton U.D.	6	2	3	2	9	4
Meltham U.D.	3	2	1	2	4	4
Saddleworth U.D.	1	—	—	—	1	—
Division No. 19	—	—	1	—	1	—
Division 18	—	—	9	2	9	2
Total	23	16	31	20	54	36

The trainees' progress in the Junior Wing has been very satisfactory.

The Special Care Unit continues but attendances have been disappointing particularly during the winter months.

The total value of work done in the Adult Wings amounted to £2,094 13s. 2d. Most of the work comes to the Centre through the County Supplies Department.

In addition to the purely industrial work, domestic tasks such as tea-making, the laying of dinner tables and washing-up are shared by both sexes. Unfortunately, social training and basic training in educational subjects have not been possible during the year because of the shortage of staff.

The Mental Welfare Officers take a keen interest in the Centre and are a great help in developing a liaison between the Centre and the trainees' homes.

The adult trainees have made various visits and excursions during the year. In June they were taken on a day's outing to Hornsea. In September 18 adult trainees, 12 parents and two members of the staff enjoyed a weekend trip to London.

As in previous years an opportunity was given for trainees to join the holiday parties at St. Hilda's Home, Whitby, and 6 trainees from the Kirkburton Centre had a most enjoyable time at the seaside.

The Parent/Teacher Association continues to thrive and as a result of various money raising efforts the Association have provided various amenities at the Centre. They also continue to pay for the cost of transport needed to convey the trainees to various social and outside functions.

## Saddleworth Area

A good liaison continues with the Oldham County Borough Authorities. At the end of the year 2 trainees from the Saddleworth area were in attendance at the Junior Training Centre and 5 trainees were attending the Industrial Centrc. One trainee from the Saddleworth area was also in attendance at the Day Cntrc run by the Oldham Spastics Society.

## Summary of Sub-Normal Patients in receipt of care and guidance at the end of the year

The number of patients referred to the Local Health Authority during the year and the number of patients under care at the end of the year are shown on pages 28a-29a.

Number of Patients referred to Local Health Authority during year ended 31st December, 1968

Referred By	Mentally Ill												Psychopathic												Severely Sub-normal												Totals					
	Under age 16						16 and over						Under age 16						16 and over						Under age 16						16 and over			Grand Total								
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F								
(a) General Practitioners ..	—	—	26	35	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	64									
(b) Hospitals, on discharge from in-patient training ..	—	—	28	58	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	86										
(c) Hospitals, after or during out-patient or day treatment ..	—	1	10	18	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	29										
(d) Local Education Authorities ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14										
(e) Police and Courts ..	—	—	—	—	5	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	7										
(f) Other Sources ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	42	45	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	44										
(g) TOTAL ..	—	—	—	—	1	111	158	—	—	—	—	3	3	3	5	2	—	—	1	—	—	1	5	4	114	167	290	—	—													

Number of patients under Local Health Authority care at 31st December, 1968

Referred By	Mentally Ill		Elderly mentally infirm		Psychopathic		Sub-normal		Severely Sub-normal		Totals												
	Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Under age 16		16 and over		Grand Total										
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F									
TOTAL NUMBER	...	1	39	71	2	8	—	—	3	12	16	42	34	18	10	13	15	30	27	96	131	284	
No. attending day training centre	..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	11	16	10	12	14	9	8	11	25	25	18	24	92	
No. awaiting entry to training centre	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
No. awaiting home training	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
No. resident in L.A. home or hostel	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
No. awaiting residence in L.A. home or hostel	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
No. resident at L.A. expense in other residential home or hostels	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
No. attending Day Hospitals	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3	
No. receiving Home visits and not included above:-	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	10	
(i) Suitable to attend training centre	..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	6	3	1	4	3	3	1	6	9	19	
(ii) Others	..	—	1	36	63	2	8	—	—	3	1	—	27	15	1	—	1	1	2	1	66	90	159

## SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICE

### Introduction

This account of the School Health Service is a Divisional report and is a combination of the reports presented to the Upper Agbrigg Divisional Executive and the Saddleworth District Sub-Committee. The statistics relate to the whole Division.

### Schools in the Area

There are in the Division 75 schools or separate departments, which include the Royd Edge Special School, Meltham.

The approximate number of pupils on the registers in December, 1968 was 13,051 (an increase of 578 as compared with the previous year) and was composed of:—

<i>Infants</i>	<i>Juniors</i>	<i>Seniors</i>
3,309	5,042	4,700

Of the 68 Primary Schools, 32 are Voluntary and 36 are County Schools:—

The distribution is as follows:—

Type of School	Colne Valley		Denby Dale		Holm-firth		Kirkburton		Meltham		Saddleworth		Total	
	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils	Schools	Pupils
Primary	17	1980	9	1050	14	1689	14	1497	3	642	11	1493	68	8351
Secondary	—	—	1	540	1	917	1	338	—	—	1	518	4	2313
Modern	—	—	—	—	1	838	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	838
Grammar	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1495
Comprehensive	1	1495	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	54	—	—	1	54
Special	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1495
<b>All Types</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>3475</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1590</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>3444</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1835</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>696</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>2011</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>13051</b>

Pupils from Saddleworth attend Grammar Schools in Oldham and Manchester, but so far as the School Health Service is concerned, they are the responsibility of the Medical Officers of the Independent Schools and of the Oldham County Borough Council.

Some pupils from outlying parts of the Division attend Grammar Schools at Mirfield, Penistone, etc.

## Medical Inspections

The periodic examination of entrants leavers continue to be held as before with the exception that as many children as possible are seen at the local clinics immediately prior to school entry. The examination of intermediates by the selective method has continued.

The Selective Method involves the sending of questionnaires to parents and obtaining reports from Head Teachers and Health Visitors. The reports and questionnaires are scrutinised by the School Medical Officer who selects for examination only those children who may have medical problems. In this way more time is devoted to the needy child rather than to children who have no problems.

During the year 3,136 periodic examinations were carried out whilst the number of 'specials' was 2,051. (This figure includes those examined under the Selective Method).

Particulars of the age grouping of children found at periodic medical inspections to require treatment are given below:—

Age groups inspected	For Defective Vision (excluding squint)	For any of the other conditions recorded in table of defects	Total individual pupils
Entrants .. ..	25	87	96
Leavers .. ..	59	26	63
Others .. ..	19	18	22
Total ..	103	131	181

## Defects Found at Medical Inspections

The following table gives details of all defects noted at both periodic, selective and special examinations. All defects noted at medical inspections as requiring treatment are included, whether or not this treatment was begun before the date of inspection:—

Defect or Disease	Number of Defects			
	Periodic Inspections		Selective and Special Inspections	
	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment	Requiring Treatment	Requiring Observation but not Treatment
Skin .. .. .. ..	16	57	11	43
Eyes (a) Vision .. ..	103	228	93	393
(b) Squint .. ..	35	56	13	61
(c) Other .. ..	1	15	—	16
Ears (a) Hearing .. ..	9	74	5	85
(b) Otitis Media .. ..	4	26	1	17
(c) Other .. ..	1	12	1	4
Nose or Throat .. ..	18	162	6	85
Speech .. .. ..	7	70	2	55
Lymphatic Glands .. ..	—	41	2	19
Heart and Circulation ..	4	29	2	43
Lungs .. .. .. ..	4	66	2	66
Developmental (a) Hernia ..	1	18	1	21
(b) Other ..	2	48	2	31
Orthopaedic (a) Posture ..	2	10	—	14
(b) Feet ..	7	74	4	27
(c) Other ..	1	46	2	25
Nervous System (a) Epilepsy ..	2	7	2	6
(b) Other ..	—	26	2	27
Psychological (a) Development ..	2	42	—	95
(b) Stability ..	2	46	4	45
Abdomen .. .. .. ..	2	20	—	14
Other .. .. .. ..	11	151	10	135
<b>TOTAL ..</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>1327</b>

## Physical Condition of Children

All pupils, except one, at routine periodic medical inspections were classified as being 'Satisfactory'.

## Other Examinations

In addition to routine, special and follow-up examinations of children at school medical inspections, children were examined at home or at school for various reasons. These include non-attendance at school, children returning to special schools, and also those examined with a view to providing special educational treatment.

## Uncleanliness

The total number of inspections made during the year was 16,980 and 220 instances of infestation were found as compared with 16,838 and 168 respectively in 1967. There were 201 individual children (1.5% of the school population) found to be infested on at least one occasion, an increase of 51 compared with the previous year.

Statistics relating to these inspections are as follows:—

Total number of warning letters sent	..	..	..	85
Total number of exclusion notices served	..	..	..	7
Total number of home visits paid	..	..	..	134
Total number of individual children found to be verminous	..	..	..	201
Total number of Cleansing Notices issued	..	..	..	Nil
Total number of Cleansing Orders issued	..	..	..	Nil

## Arrangements for Treatment

### School Clinics

There are no special school clinics in the Division. The children of school age may attend any of the 17 child welfare centres in the area for treatment of minor ailments and to receive "booster doses" of Diphtheria, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis antigens. During the year, a total of 947 attendances were made by school children at such clinics. Included in this figure are those children who attended for a medical examination just prior to starting school at the age of 5 years.

### Special Clinics

#### Ophthalmic Clinics

The Leeds Regional Hospital Board have continued to make available the services of Dr. K. K. Prasher for two sessions per week in the Divisional Area. When Dr. Prasher left the district his place was taken by Dr. Davies. The sessions are arranged as required at the Kirkburton, Meltham, Slaithwaite and Uppermill Clinics, where special facilities are available.

During the year, 89 special clinic sessions were arranged and these were attended by 826 children who made 865 attendances. Spectacles were prescribed for 139 children.

Cases requiring orthoptic treatment may obtain this either through the hospital service or, if in the Saddleworth area, they may attend the Orthoptic Clinic, Scottfield, Oldham, which is provided by the Oldham Education Committee. A charge of 5/- per attendance is paid by the West Riding Education Committee.

#### Orthopaedic Clinics

The special hospital Out-Patient Clinic for West Riding children has continued at the Huddersfield Royal Infirmary. These have been conducted by Mr. J. Hunter Annan, F.R.C.S., Consultant Orthopaedic Surgeon and by Mr. G. F. Hird, F.R.C.S., Assistant Orthopaedic Surgeon assisted by a Health Visitor and a clerk from the Divisional Health Office.

At the 15 sessions held during the year 110 individual children made a total of 143 attendances.

Two children from the Saddleworth area were referred to the Gainsborough Avenue Clinic, Oldham.

The conditions for which they were referred were as follows:—

Flat Foot .. .. .. ..	16
Club Foot .. .. .. ..	7
Knock Knee .. .. .. ..	9
Hallux Valgus .. .. .. ..	12
Other Deformities of Toes .. .. .. ..	15
Postural Deformities .. .. .. ..	7
Other Deformities .. .. .. ..	17
Congenital Conditions .. .. .. ..	10
Acute Poliomyelitis .. .. .. ..	3
Perthes Disease .. .. .. ..	2
Other Conditions .. .. .. ..	14
 Total	112
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### Child Guidance Treatment

An excellent liaison exists between the School Health Service and the Child Guidance Clinic at Mirfield. The School Health Service is indebted to the help given by Dr. K. N. Maxwell and Mr. D. G. Pickles, Psychiatrist and Educational Psychologist at the Clinic. There is always a long waiting list of children to be seen at the Clinic and to ease the strain at the Clinic, it is necessary to carefully select all cases referred to the Clinic. During the year 39 children from the Division attended the clinic.

### Speech Therapy

There is an establishment for one full-time Speech Therapist. In the present shortage of Speech Therapists we are still fortunate to have the services of Mrs. Stacey for 4 sessions a week. Inevitably there is a waiting list of children to be seen by the Speech Therapist and cases for referral have to be selected. During the year, 153 individual children attended for treatment at clinics held at Slaithwaite, Meltham, Honley and the Divisional Health Office, Huddersfield.

### Dental Treatment

A comprehensive dental service is available throughout the Division. Details of the work carried out during the year and the previous year are summarised below:—

	1968	1967
No. of children inspected .. .. .. ..	10,344	9,488
No. of children found to require treatment ..	4,436	4,611
No. of children treated .. .. .. ..	3,203	2,942
No. of attendances .. .. .. ..	7,575	7,373
No. of extractions—temporary .. .. .. ..	2,682	1,955
No. of extractions—permanent .. .. .. ..	906	693
No. of fillings—temporary .. .. .. ..	504	744
No. of fillings—permanent .. .. .. ..	4,713	4,133

## Diphtheria Immunisation

The previous arrangements for diphtheria immunisation have continued, the injections being given by private practitioners and at the Welfare Centres.

The majority of children are now immunised before entering school. This should always be the case and the importance of immunisation in infancy cannot be over emphasised. Children protected in infancy should have booster injections when they commence school and five years later.

The following figures indicate the number of children who received primary immunisation after entering school and also the number receiving re-inforcement injections:—

	<i>Primary Immunisations</i>				<i>Re-inforcement Injections</i>
Colne Valley	..	..	..	3	236
Denby Dale	..	..	..	—	74
Holmfirth	..	..	..	7	179
Kirkburton	..	..	..	2	167
Meltham	..	..	..	1	50
Saddleworth	..	..	..	1	49
				14	755

## B.C.G. Vaccination

In accordance with the County Council's scheme for the prevention of Tuberculosis, arrangements were made to offer B.C.G. Vaccination to all children aged 11 years and over. Vaccinations were carried out during October and November when 779 children were vaccinated.

Details are given below of the work undertaken during the year:

Number of children offered B.C.G.	..	..	..	..	1090
Number of acceptances	..	..	..	..	830
Number completing skin testing (including children brought forward from previous year)	..	..	..	..	858
Number positive	..	..	..	..	71
% positive	..	..	..	..	8.3
Number negative	..	..	..	..	779
Number Vaccinated	..	..	..	..	779
Number of Skin Tests after 12 months	..	..	..	..	—

## Protection of Children Against Tuberculosis

The arrangements for the X-ray examination of the chests of all new entrants to the teaching profession and non-teaching staff of schools have continued. Likewise have those for re-examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is available in the area.

The children found to be mantoux positive as a result of tests for B.C.G. vaccinations are invited to attend for X-ray examination when the Mass Radiography Unit is operating in the area.

### School Meals Service

New entrants to the staffs of school canteens are examined by the Department's Medical staff. During the year 123 new entrants were examined and in each case a certificate to the effect that the examinee was fit to work in the School Meals Service was forwarded to the Divisional Education Officer.

### Youth Employment Service

There is close co-operation between the School Health and Youth Employment Services. The medical records of all school leavers are considered by the School Medical Officer before the pupils are interviewed by the Youth Employment Officer and types of work for which any child is, in the opinion of the Medical Officer, unsuited, are pointed out.

The more seriously handicapped children are recommended to the Youth Employment Officer for inclusion in the Disabled Persons Register.

In connection with the Employment of Children Bye-Laws, 11 children were examined as regards their suitability for employment outside school hours. Certificates were granted for employment as follows:—

Newspaper delivery	..	..	..	11
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### Handicapped Pupils

Facilities for the special educational treatment of all classes of handicapped pupils requiring residential care are now fairly readily available, except those classified as Educationally Sub-normal and Maladjusted.

During the year 24 pupils already on the Handicapped Pupils Register were examined to ascertain their need for continued special educational treatment. In addition 19 children were examined for the first time and 19 were put on the Register of Handicapped Pupils. Three pupils already receiving special educational treatment moved into the area and their names were entered on the Register. The number of children removed from the Register as no longer requiring special educational treatment, or because they were over school age or left the Division was 13.

At the end of the year, 223 children were included in the Register, the sub-division into the various classes being as follows:—

	No. on Register	No. at Special School	No. at Ordinary School	No. of Col. 3 awaiting placement
Maladjusted .. ..	7	2	4	4
Deaf .. ..	10	10	—	—
Partially Deaf .. ..	7	7	—	—
Delicate .. ..	17	2	15	—
Partially Sighted ..	5	3	2	2
Blind .. ..	4	4	—	—
Physically Handicapped	25	8	16	6
Educationally Subnormal	148	56	92	15
	223	92	128	27

1. One physically handicapped child is receiving home tuition.
2. One maladjusted child shown above is away at a remand home at the moment.

### **The Children's Home, The Leas, Scholes**

This report on 'The Leas' Children's Home is for the year ended 31st March, 1969.

During this period all the cottages have been in use.

The number of admissions during the year was 182 and there were 180 discharges. The number resident on 1st April, 1968 was 64 and on the 31st March, 1969, was 66.

All children are medically examined as soon as possible after admission and there was one full routine medical inspection. During the year, 23 children made 35 attendances at the Dental Clinic, 12 children made 14 attendances at the Eye Clinic, 3 children attended the Child Guidance Clinic and 2 children received treatment at the Orthopaedic Clinic.

### **Nortonthorpe Hostel for Maladjusted Boys**

The purpose of the Hostel is to provide a stable and pleasant background for socially insecure children and so enable them to mature and eventually return to their homes without breaking down.

At the end of the year, 24 boys were in residence at the Hostel.

### **Reports to the Local Health Authority:**

#### **Education Act, 1944. Section 57**

During the year, 10 children were reported to the Local Health Authority under Section 57(4), 6 as "Unsuitable" for education at school and 4 as requiring "Care and Guidance after leaving school".

### **Medical Examination of Teachers and Entrants to Courses of Training**

During the year, 122 candidates (37 male and 85 female) for entry into Teachers' Training Colleges were examined and reports submitted to the appropriate College Authority. In addition, 5 reports on Form 28 R.Q. regarding the new entrants to the profession were forwarded to the Ministry of Education.

### **Liaison with Hospitals and General Practitioners**

Cordial relations exist between staffs of the School Health Service, the Hospital Service and the General Practitioners. Information is passed and mutual assistance is given to the general benefit of the children of the area.





